



**AFFIDAVIT OF ACKNOWLEDGEMENT  
RULES FOR PUBLIC OBSERVERS  
KING COUNTY ELECTIONS**

I, the undersigned, hereby declare that I acknowledge receipt of the procedures for public observers of the election process, and that I shall abide by them. I understand that the vote tallying process shall be an open public process to the extent that public observation does not interfere with the process or jeopardize the security of the ballots, and that due to restrictive space available for the processing of ballots I shall remain in the area assigned for the observation of the ballot processing.

I also acknowledge that the rules pertaining to public observation include that observers shall not touch or handle ballots or transfer containers at any time, nor shall they disturb or interfere with Elections staff while they are processing the ballots.

I shall wear the identification badge assigned to me.

To avoid any appearance of an attempt to remove or add ballots to the system, I shall leave outside the ballot processing area any handbags, briefcases or other containers that could conceivably carry ballots.

Observers are encouraged to ask identified Elections Supervisors any questions concerning procedures not understood.

And finally, I acknowledge that if I am found in violation of the rules and procedures for public observers, I will be asked to leave the premises, and shall be escorted by staff if uncooperative.

Declared and signed this date, \_\_\_\_\_

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Signature of Observer

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Printed Name of Observer

**Rules for Public Observers**

- In accordance with state law, observers may not touch ballots, ballot containers, or vote tallying equipment. To comply with this law, observers must remain in designated observation areas.
- It is important to avoid even the appearance of an attempt to remove, add or tamper with ballots in the system. Therefore, any handbags, briefcases, or other containers that could conceivably carry ballots must be left outside the ballot processing area.
- Due to time constraints and the critical nature of our job, it is important that King County Elections employees maintain a work environment free of distractions. Therefore, we request that any questions regarding the election are directed to designated members of the Elections supervisory team.
- Open food and beverage containers are prohibited in the observation areas.
- Electronic equipment with wireless technology such as cell phones, blackberries, and Bluetooth devices are not allowed in ballot processing areas.